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Under the Command of

His Excellency the Duke of *Marlborough*.

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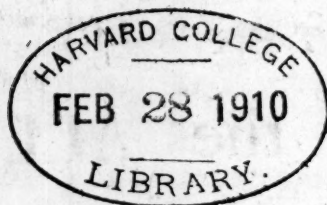
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SIR,

I Took the following Journal for the Assistance of my own Memory, being willing to have as true a Knowledge of Transactions in my Time, and the Campaigns I made in Person, as I could. But some Gentlemen who favour'd me with its Perusal, having thought it done with more Exactness than anything yet extant of this Nature, I was perswaded to make it Publick, being very willing to submit my Judgment to theirs, since theirs is the most Preferable.

I question not but it will be kindly receiv'd by my Countrymen, since it speaks of the Glorious Actions of those who draw the same Air with 'em; and I shall be abundantly recompens'd, if those that have a Value for Her Majesty, or the Glory of her Arms, shall justifie my Attempt, how mean soever I may seem in the Performance.

Whatever it is, 'tis yours, if you'll Print it; without any hopes of Gain on my side, but that of the Name of a Faithful Historian, a Dutiful Subject, and a Loyal Soldier to her Majesty, which will be an Inestimable Reputation to him, who is

Sir,

Your very humble Servant.

The JOURNAL.

Sunday June the 21th, Major General Lumley, and Brigadier Wood's Regiment of Horse, and Major General Steward, and Brigadier Stanley's Regiments of Foot, came and Encamp'd without the Walls of the *Buffs*, where our Regiments lay; the next Day they march'd thorough the Town, and we joyn'd them and Encamp'd at *Wayes*, half Way between the *Buffs* and the *Grave*;

ut we had not been 2 hours in our Camp, before we had Orders to strike our Tents, upon an Alarm that 2000 of the Enemies Horse and Dragoons were marching to surprize us; we march'd all night, and came between 2 and 3 a Clock on *Tuesday* Morning *June* the 23. and encamp'd under the Walls of the *Grave*, from thence we march'd *Saturday* the 27th, and joyn'd the Grand Army, which lay encamp'd near *Nimeguen*. The Captain General Earl of *Marlborough's* Quarters was at *Dukenbrough*; we lay here till *Saturday* *July* the 4th, and here the Prince of *Hess* with his Troops joyn'd us, and then remov'd to *Over-Iffel*, above 2 Leagues from thence to the *Mayes* Side. Over which we made 2 Bridges of Boats, and on *Monday* the 6th, a Party of Pioniers march'd over and begun to throw up a Trench to secure the Bridges; and we Forag'd over those Bridges within half a League of the *French*, being distant from our Camp about 4 Leagues, who was strongly encamp'd betwixt two Rivers. After the return of the Foragers, Orders were given to take up the Bridges, which was accordingly done. *Saturday*, *Sunday* and *Monday*, being the 11th, 12th, and 13th, violent Rains fell. *Wednesday* the 15th, our Bridges being finish'd, we march'd over the *Mayes*, just by the *Grave*, and encamp'd 3 Leagues from thence, the Head Quarters was at *Euden*. *Thursday* we encamp'd at *Neuno*. *Friday* at *Giltbrop*, where we lay. *Saturday* in the Night was a terrible Storm of Thunder, Lightning and Rain. The next Morning being *Sunday* the 19th, we march'd towards the Enemy, and encamp'd the Right Wing at *Hamount*, and the left at *Axell*. The Head Quarters was half way between the *Buss* and *Mastrich*, where we were this day joyn'd by the *English* Train of Artillery, 3 Regiments of Dragoons, viz. the Lord *Rabyes*, and *Tiviot's*, and Brigadier *Rosse's*: 2 new Companies of the Earl of *Ortneys*, one of *Homes*, and 2 Regiments of *Switze*. *Monday* Morning we attack'd a Strong Fort call'd *Gravenbrook*, in the *French* Possession, and became Masters of it before Noon. And then we remov'd our Camp on the other side the Fort, more into the Enemy's Country. The Head Quarters was at *St. Hubert Lill*; here we were Alarm'd in the Night, where our Spyes giving Notice that the *French* were marching within 2 *English* Miles of our Camp, and that they were sadly fatigu'd, having march'd for 2 days and nights, our General call'd a Council of War, and press'd hard to attack the Enemy the next Morning, but was over-ru'd. *Wednesday* the 22d. we encamp'd at *Clinen Brogen*. *Saturday* the 25th we march'd to *Peer* a Wall'd Town, we demolish'd it, and fill'd up the Ditch. Here we staid till *Saturday* the 1st of *August*, and then decamp'd, and march'd to *Aversbeck*, which is the same Camp with *Hamount*: only our Lines were a little alter'd. *Monday* the 3d. in the Morning, a Detachment of our Army march'd to Besiege *Venloe*. And also a Detachment of 1200 Horse and Dragoons

goons to cover our Bread Waggon, Commanded by my Lord *Albemarle*. All night great Thunder, and Lightning, and Rain. *Tuesday* the 4th, our General had an Express that the *French* were marching to get between us and Lieutenant General *Tilly*, who Commanded the Detachment for *Venloe*, and laid not far from our Camp to cover my Lord *Albemarle*'s March. Upon this Express our whole Army march'd, and upon its Appearance, the *French* retir'd, without effecting their Design. And in the Evening our Camp return'd to their former Ground. Whilst we lay at this Camp, a small Detachment was sent and took in a fortify'd Castle call'd *Wert*, without any great Resistance or Loss on our side; we also demolish'd *Gravenbroeck*, which we took when we lay here before, as I have already mention'd. *Sunday* the 9th in the Morning came up our Pay-Masters and Bread-Waggon from the *Bus*, who had been long wanting, which occasion'd Bread to be very Dear in our Camp, the Enemy lying betwixt us and our Garisons. *Tuesday* 11th, we decamp'd and march'd back again to *Brugell*, near to *Peer*. *Wednesday* the 12th we march'd to *Helteron*; we had not been above an Hour encamp'd, but the *French* appear'd about 2 *English* Miles from us. The General gave Orders to draw out the whole Army and form'd them in a Line of Battle, which accordingly was done. And here I must observe, I never saw more Readiness and fixed Resolutions in the Men, to discharge their Duty for their Queen and Country, as appear'd that very day. The Enemy by forming their Line of Battle, endeavour'd to Intercept Lieut. General *Tilly*, who had Orders to join the Army; but by the Diligence of our General they join'd us, which was no small Disappointment to the Enemy; and had our General's Orders been Observ'd, we had attack'd them before they had form'd their Line of Battle, and according to Human Reason must have beat them; but there being a Bogg, as it was said, disappointed our Advancing. Orders were given for several Batteries of Guns, both on the Right and Left, which was accordingly done, with all imaginable Diligence, and play'd upon the Enemy very smartly; and they with the same Diligence made a Return, so Canonaded each other until the Close of the Evening. I believe there were considerable Damage done on both Sides, but most of their's. We lay at our Arms all that Night, and the next day continu'd in Readiness, in Expectation of Engaging every Minute; but both Armies lay very still, only some Piquering. The next Morning being *Friday* the 14th before day, we were all call'd out of our Tents, which we had pitch'd the Night before, in the Rear of the Ground we were drawn up, facing the Enemy, with Orders to get Ready immediately and March to Attack the Enemy. When it was light enough to discern Objects, at some distance, we perceiv'd the *French* were marched away, and 2 Drum Deferters

came

came in to us, and told us their Rear was upon their March by two a Clock in the Morning, and their Front march'd at Ten the night before. The General ordered 10 Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons to fall in the Rear, who kill'd about 40 and took about 50 Prisoners, and return'd to our Camp; we march'd to our old Ground again. Sunday the 16th, some Squadrons of the Enemy appear'd in sight of our Front Line, on the Left; Upon which we were drawn out to the Head of our Line, but in half an Hour return'd to our Pickets; with Orders to be in Readiness, upon the first Motion, and so continued all night, but heard no more of the Enemy. Tuesday the 18th we march'd to *Ash*; it being a prodigious hot March. Friday the 21st, a sultry, hot Day, with violent Thunder, Lightning and Rain all night. From this Camp we took in *Bray*, *Maesick*, Places of no great Force, but very consistent to be in our Possession, for the Securing our Sutlers, and the furthering our Designs. From *Ash* we march'd to *Sutendale*, Wednesday September the 2d. where the Head Quarters were, and the Left of our Line extended within 2 English Miles of *Maesrich*; the French Army lying near *Tonger*, 3 Leagues and an half from our Camp. Whilst we lay at this Camp, the Detachment I have beforemention'd, took *Venloe*, and *Ruremont*. And a Detachment was sent from us, and besieg'd *Stevenswaert*, and in 12 days took it. Friday the 2d of October, we march'd to besiege *Liege*; We march'd seven Hours that day, and were forc'd all to lie at our Arms. The 3d. we made a Regular Encampment; our General's Quarters was on the Left of our Line. The 4th the Town of *Liege* receiv'd 6 of our Regiments of Foot, 3 of *English*, 3 of *Dutch*, my Lord *Cutts* being made Governour; and the Army receiv'd Orders to Forage, and our General remov'd his Quarters into the upper Part of the Town. The 5th, 6th and 7th, we Forag'd and made 400 Fascines to each Regiment. The 8th we made 300 to each Regiment. The 9th our Batteries were finish'd, and begun to play against the Cittadel; the Evening about seven a Clock, we broke Ground with a Detachment of all the Granadiers of the Guards in the Armies, and lost about 50, but no Officers. The 10th our Batteries of Guns and Morters that was then finish'd play'd smartly, and with good Success. The 11th our Batteries of Guns and Morters, and Howbits; with those Engines that is call'd by the Name of Cowhorns, Granadiers, which carries a Shell of 3 Pound, of them were mounted 150. All which being finished we fired incessantly. First a Battery of 18 pieces of Cannon of 24 Pounders; then a Battery of Morters, then a Battery of 12 pieces of Cannon of 24 Pounders, then a Battery of Howbits, then a Battery of 12 pieces of Cannon of 24 pounders; then a Battery of Morters, then a Battery of Howbits; with all the other small Batteries, which fired all in Vollies, and with great Success. We sprung several of the Enemies Mines, I being an Eye-witness. We also this Day mark'd

mark'd out our Ground for a Line of Battle, in case the Enemy should advance to raise the Siege. The 12th we attack'd the Cittadel with such Conduct, Resolution and Bravery, that in half an Hour we took it with Sword in Hand, and made them all Prisoners at Discretion; we lost about 60 Men and some Officers, and the Plunder was given to the Soldiers, which was very Considerable. The 13th several Squadrons of Horse and Dragoons were sent over the *Mayes*, in order to Invest the *Shortruous* Fort. The 14th a Body of Foot march'd on the other side of the *Mayes*, and joyn'd the Horse and Dragoons, the Enemy firing their Cannon hotly on our Passing, but with small Success. At night we made our Approach within 400 Yards of the Pallisadoes, they firing their Great and Small Shot smartly upon us; but with small Success, we having hollow Ways that in a great measure cover'd our Foot. The 15th part of our Cannon and Morters were sent over the *Mayes*, and Fascines were carry'd to make our Batteries. The 16th our Cannon and Morters were passing the *Mayes*, and Orders were given for making 150 Fascines to each Squadron of Horse in the Army, which accordingly were done, and carry'd to the Batteries. The 17th most of our Cannon and Morters, Bombs, and other Necessaries were sent over the *Mayes*, and Orders were given to compleat our Batteries, with all possible Diligence. Our Loss sustain'd in the Trenches, and in making of our Batteries against the *Shortruous* Fort, was one Officer kill'd, and one wounded; about 40 Foot wounded, and some kill'd; several of the Grand Guard of Horse were wounded: and some of their Horses kill'd; as also a Quarter-Master's Horse was kill'd, and he escap'd narrowly. The 18th being *Sunday*, our Batteries of Morters begun by 10 in the Morning to play, and in half an Hour the *Cloyster*, call'd the *Shortruous*, was set on fire, and burnt to the Ground; which was a great pity, it being a Noble and fine Structure. We play'd them hotly with two Batteries of Bombs and Howbits, consisting of 32 in Number, and one Battery of 16 pieces of Cannon of 24 Pounders, which forc'd them to Capitulate, about 2 in the Afternoon, at which time Hostages were interchang'd. The 19th it was Agreed by the Capitulation, That the Enemy should march out, the 30th with 2 pieces of Cannon, Drums beating, Colours flying, and to be safe Conducted to the Garison of *Antwerp*. The 20th the *French* march'd out accordingly, and our Forces took Possession of the Fort, as soon as the Enemy were march'd out. All that remain'd of one Batallion, both Officers and Colours, deserted the *French*. There were 4 Regiments of Foot in the Fort, and 'tis verily believ'd that half of 'em deserted, before they march'd out of our Camp. The 21th we drew off our Batteries of Cannon and Morters, in order to imbarque 'em for *Masfrich*. The 22th a Grand Council of War was held, in order

order to besiege *Bon*; but the Season of the Year not being favourable, Orders were given to decamp. The 23th the Army broke up, and march'd towards their Garisons, most of the *English* encamp'd at *Harden*. The 24th the *English* Commanded by the Earl of *Rivers*, Lieut. General of Horse, who were ordered to their Garisons in *Holland*, encamp'd at *Suttendale*. The 25th we encamp'd at *Ar-colm*, where we had a Tempestuous Snowy night. The 26th we encamp'd at *Falconswart*, at which place we receiv'd the dismal News of my Lord *Marlborough*, the Heer Van *Geldermason*, one of the State's Deputy, and Lieut. General *Obdam*, being taken on the *Maes*, betwixt the *Garve* and *Venloe*, by a *Partizan* Party. The 27th came the happy welcome News of our General and the abovesaid Gentlemen's being deliver'd out of the Enemy's hand, at which the whole Army that was there gave 3 Huffs's, both Officers and Soldiers, throwing up their Caps, and made themselves Merry that Night, by drinking the General's Health. The 28th all the *English* Troops under the Command of the Lord *Rivers*, divided here, and march'd to their respective Garisons, and we march'd to *Buxell*. The 29th we march'd into our Garison at the *Buss*, being appointed for our Winter Quarters. I cannot omit mentioning the Length of our Bridge of Boats laid over the *Maes*, by *Liege*, which I was so curious as to pace, which was One hundred and ninety Paces long.

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